

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6203  
INFO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, MT, GW  
SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRESSURES ON MALTA

REFS: (A) VALLETTA 00319; (B) BONN 02564

1. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR OF MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS (HEIBACH) HAS REQUESTED US VIEWS ON THE PURPOSE OF THE LIBYAN OIL CUTOFF TO MALTA. HE IS PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN OUR THOUGHTS ON LIBYA'S INTENTIONS AND AND ON WHETHER THE CUTOFF IS PERMANENT. WE NOTE THAT EMBASSY VALLETTA WILL BE COMMENTING (REF A) ON THE LIBYAN ACTION AND WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO BRIEF HEIBACH ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ANALYSIS. EMBASSY TRIPOLI'S VIEW OF LIBYAN INTENTIONS WOULD ALSO BE OF GREAT INTEREST HERE.
2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE GERMAN/FRENCH/ITALIAN APPROACH TO POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS  
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TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA, HEIBACH SAID HIS MEMO TO GENSCHER (REF B) WAS STILL MIRED IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

3. HEIBACH INFORMED US THAT GENSCHER DID NOT DISCUSS MALTA WITH EITHER THE SECRETARY OR AMBASSADOR YOUNG DURING THE NAMIBIA PROXIMITY TALKS (REF A).

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